

Hosmer Elementary School

Welcome to the Hosmer Elementary School!



The Hosmer Elementary School provides an active, versatile, and challenging learning environment that helps each student develop to their fullest academic, social, physical, and emotional potential. We aim to foster individual responsibility and to develop understanding of others, the community, and the world. We promote a cooperative and interactive partnership between the school and the home.

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Important Phone Numbers

Main Office 617-926-7740

Fax 617-926-3259

Nurse 617-926-7751

Extended Day 617-926-0457

Early Steps Preschool 617-926-7765

Guidance Office 617-926-7743

Central Office 617-926-7700

Special Education 617-926-7766

Transportation - 617-926-7716



School Calendar

The WPS district calendar can be found on the last page of this guide, as well as on the district website. The calendar includes 5 snow days. The exact last day of school is determined in the spring based on the number of snow days used.

Snow Closings and Delayed Openings

- Families will receive a phone call and/or email in the event of a closing or delay



Arrival and Dismissal

- The building opens at 8:05 a.m. for all students.
- The school day is from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 - Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students enter through the “Kindergarten Entrance” door by the lower courtyard.
 - 1st, 2nd and 4th grades enter through the doors closest to the flagpole, at the corner of Concord Rd. and Boylston St.
 - 3rd and 5th grades enter through the lobby doors closest to the Stamatakis Playground on Concord Road.
- Students are picked up from specific locations at the end of the school day--your child’s classroom teacher will tell you where to pick up your child.
- Parents can use the “drop-and-go” located on Concord Road and staff members will assist students inside.
- To foster independence, children will enter the building each day without parents.

Extended Day Services

- The Before School Program runs from 7:15am to 8:10am.
- The Extended Day Program runs from 2:30pm to 6:00pm
- This program fills up quickly, so if you are interested contact program director Megan Sharkey as soon as possible.

School Lunch, Breakfast, and Snack

- Breakfast is available for purchase each morning in the cafeteria before the start of school.
- Students should bring a healthy snack to eat in their classrooms everyday.
- Students can bring or buy lunch each day. Money can be added to your child's account online or by cash or check brought to the main office. Payment information, an application for free or reduced lunch, the daily menu, and more can be found on the Watertown Public Schools website (Resources, Food Menus).

School Absence/Illness

- If your child is going to be absent, please call 617-926-7740 and leave a message for the Administrative Assistant, Janet Shaw.
- You will receive an automated phone call confirming that your child has been marked absent.
- If your child becomes ill during the day, the school nurse will contact you.



Hosmer Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

What does the Hosmer PTO do?

The Hosmer School Parent Teacher Organization is dedicated to bringing resources to classrooms, staff, and the Hosmer community. The PTO works with the school faculty to provide resources and programs designed to build community and enhance the academic experience for students. For more information, visit hosmerpto.org.

Who is a member of the PTO?

All parents and guardians of Hosmer students, as well as Hosmer faculty, are considered members of the PTO.

How can you get involved?

1. Attend a PTO meeting: childcare is provided at all meetings.
2. Volunteering is a great way to support the school! See volunteer opportunities at hosmerpto.org/volunteer.
3. Donate to support the work of the Hosmer PTO. Every dollar supports our students and teachers. Donate online at hosmerpto.org.

Hosmer Site Council

What does the Hosmer Site Council do?

The school site council is a group of teachers, parents, and community members that works with the principal to develop, review, and evaluate school improvement programs and school budgets. The site council meets eight times per academic year and all meetings are open to the public.



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I contact my child's teacher?

You may call the main office, email the teacher (a list of teacher email addresses is available on the website), or send in a note with your child.



What happens on early release days?

Dismissal is at 12:15 on early release days, and lunch is served. Buses and Extended Day run as usual on these days. The *only* exception is the day before Thanksgiving, when dismissal is at 12:00. No lunch is served and there is no Extended Day on that day.

If I don't speak English, who can help me?

There are two family liaisons available to help speakers of Spanish and Portuguese. We are currently seeking a family liaison who speaks Pashto.

Spanish: Karina Merida,

Karina.merida@watertown.k12.ma.us

Portuguese: Thais Chandler,

thais.chandler@watertown.k12.ma.us

If someone else needs to pick up my child, what should I do?

Send a note or email to the teacher beforehand OR call the office with the information well before dismissal.

If I am running late for pick up, what should I do?

Call the main office as soon as possible to let them know.

If I need to dismiss my child early, what do I do?

Whenever possible, notify the teacher in advance by sending a note or an email. You will need to sign your child out in the main office.

Do students take field trips? Can I go as a chaperone?

Most classes take at least one field trip each year. Sometimes teachers request chaperones and other times they do not, depending on the field trip. It is a good idea to submit paperwork for a CORI background check in the office if you might want to volunteer since parents chaperoning or volunteering in classrooms must have a completed background check.

When will I meet with my child's teacher?

A "Back to School Night" is held in September to meet your child's teacher and learn about the curriculum. There are also two individual parent/teacher conferences held each year (one in the fall, one in late winter); you can sign up online for these conferences or contact your child's teacher. Interpreters in most languages are available for these conferences.

Will I get to visit my child's classroom?

In addition to Back to School night and parent/teacher conferences, most teachers provide one or more opportunities for you to visit the classroom for a special event. Your child may also be involved in a concert or other performance.

How does the school accommodate my child if he/she has an allergy?

The cafeteria has one or more "allergy tables" for children with food allergies; children may invite a friend to eat with them after their lunch has been deemed to be safe for the allergies.

Parents are asked not to send snacks containing peanuts or tree nuts as classroom snacks.

Will my child have homework?

Each grade level has different expectations regarding homework. Reach out to your classroom teacher for details.

Are there resources for literacy and math enrichment at home?

Yes! Ask your classroom teacher about the literacy and math online resources available to your child at home. Also, the Watertown Free Public Library has an incredible array of literacy resources for all ages. Easy and free access to audiobooks and ebooks (through Hoopla Digital and OverDrive) can be found on their website at www.watertownlib.org.



Community Resources

Programs Outside of School

- Watertown Boys and Girls Club: after school programs, school vacation programs, swim lessons, watertownbgc.org, (617) 926-0968
- Coordinated Family and Community Engagement: infant playgroups and early childhood programs, wpsearlychildhoodcommunity.weebly.com, (617) 926-1661
- Watertown Free Public Library: children's and teen programming, museum passes, online literacy resources, watertownlib.org, (617) 972-6431
- Project Literacy: ESL classes, watertownlb.org/416/Classes, (617) 924-8797
- Mosesian Center for the Arts: Watertown Children's Theatre, fine and performing art classes, free art opportunities, mosesianarts.org, (617) 923-0100

Support for Families

- Watertown Housing Authority: assistance for affordable housing: www.watertownha.org:(617) 923-3950
- WIC (Women, Infants & Children), food vouchers for women and children in need, www.fns.usda.gov/wic/howtoapply: 1-800-WIC-1007, and (617) 972-5502
- State website for comprehensive list of resources for immigrants: www.massresources.org/eligibility-tools.html

Support For Families (continued)

- Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA): support for immigrants and refugees: www.miracoalition.org: 617 350-5480
- Multilingual “Welcome to Watertown” map: <https://watertownlib.org/300/Watertown-Information>

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WATERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- No School
- / Early Release for All Schools
- / Early Release for K-8 for Parent Conferences
- Evening Parent Conference Dates

AUG / SEPT				
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AUGUST (Days in School: 0)

8/27-8/29 Professional Development

SEPTEMBER (Days in School: 20)

9/2 No School - Labor Day

9/3 First Day of Classes

9/12 High School Open House

9/19 Elementary School Open House

9/25 Early Release - Professional Development

9/26 Middle School Open House

OCTOBER (Days in School: 22)

10/14 No School - Columbus Day

10/16 Early Release - Professional Development

NOVEMBER (Days in School: 17)

11/5 No School - Professional Day

11/11 No School - Veterans Day Observance

11/13 Elementary Schools Evening Conferences

11/14 K-8 Schools Early Release Conferences

11/14 Middle Schools Evening Conferences

11/18 Elementary Schools Evening Conferences

11/19 K-8 Schools Early Release Conferences

11/19 Middle Schools Evening Conferences

11/20 High School Evening Conferences

11/26 High School Evening Conferences

11/27 Early Release - Thanksgiving Recess

11/28-11/29 No School - Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER (Days in School: 15)

12/23-12/31 No School - Winter Recess

JANUARY (Days in School: 21)

1/1 No School - New Year's Day

1/15 Early Release - Professional Development

1/20 No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

FEBRUARY (Days in School: 15)

2/17-21 No School - February Recess

MARCH (Days in School: 22)

3/5 High School Evening Conferences

3/10 High School Evening Conferences

3/25 Elementary Schools Evening Conferences

3/26 K-8 Schools Early Release Conferences

3/26 Middle Schools Evening Conferences

3/30 Elementary Schools Evening Conferences

3/31 K-8 Schools Early Release Conferences

3/31 Middle Schools Evening Conferences

APRIL (Days in School: 17)

4/10 Early Release - Good Friday

4/20-24 No School - April Recess

MAY (Days in School: 20)

5/6 Early Release - Professional Development

5/25 No School - Memorial Day

JUNE (Days in School: 16)

6/5 WHS Graduation

6/22 Early Release - Last Day of School
185th Day for Students, Includes 5 Snow Days

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